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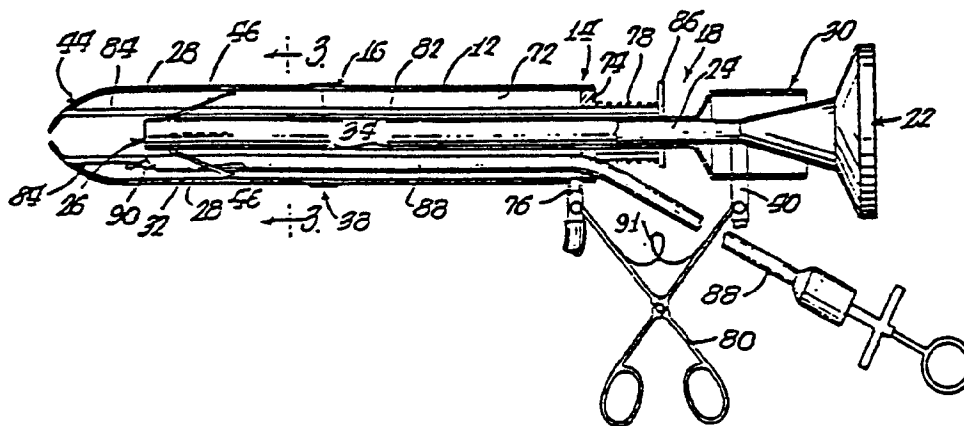
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(54) Surgical device for internal operations

(57) A surgical device having an instrument assembly associated with tissue parting means (28) for separating body tissue to provide viewing and operating room for the instrument assembly. A portion of the surgical device (16) is inserted into a patient's body and the tissue parting means (28) engaged to enlarge or create a cavity within the patient's tissue. The tissue can then be viewed by a viewing system (18) carried on the instrument assembly. Tissue collecting means (90) can also be used to obtain tissue samples and laser irradiation can be carried by the assembly (192) to control bleeding and remove tissue.



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